BCEA:: CHEAT SHEET

Introduction

Bayesian Cost-Effectiveness Analysis in R

Given a random sample of suitable variables of costs (*cost*) and clinical benefits (*eff*) for two or more interventions produces a health economic evaluation. Inputs may be the results of a Bayesian model (possibly based on MCMC) in the form of simulations from the posterior distributions. For *s* sample points compares one of the *m* interventions (*ref*erence) to the others (*.comparison*).

bcea(eff, cost, ref, .comparison, interventions)

m

CONSTITUENT FUNCTIONS

compute_U() : Expected utility for each WTP & intervention

compute_Ustar(): Maximum 'known-distribution' utility for each WTP

compute_vi() : Value of information for each WTP
compute ol() : Opportunity Loss for each WTP

compute_ICER() : Incremental cost-effectiveness ratio
compute_IB() : Incremental benefit for each WTP

compute_CEAC(): Cost-effectiveness acceptability for each WTP

compute_EIB() : Expected incremental benefit for each WTP

compute_kstar() : WTP break-even value

bcea() calculates numerous cost-effectiveness analysis statistics. These can be called directly, using the constituent functions, but would require some pre-processing which is already handled by **bcea()**.

Value assignment

There are 3 equivalent ways to assign values to analysis parameters.

1. In Constructor: When first creating a bcea object.

he <- bcea(eff, cost, ref, .comparison, ...)

2. Using Setters: Change directly using replacement functions.

setComparison(he) <- comparison
setKmax(he) <- Kmax
setReference(he) <- ref</pre>

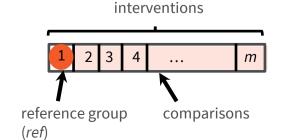
3. In plotting call: At the point of making a plot.

eib.plot(he, comparison, ...)
ceac.plot(he, comparison, ...)
ceplane.plot(he, comparison, ...)

SELECTING ANALYSIS INTERVENTIONS

Default

The first columns in (*eff*, *cost*) are the default reference intervention. All other interventions are the comparison interventions unless defined otherwise. E.g. for *m* interventions



Plot

Standard cost-effectiveness analysis output plots. Base R, ggplot2 and plotly versions of plots are available and can be called directly but require extra default parameters.

Expected incremental benefit



eib.plot(he, comparison = NULL, pos =
c(1, 0), size = NULL, plot.cri = NULL, graph
= c("base", "ggplot2", "plotly"), ...)

calls: • eib_plot_base()

- eib_plot_ggplot()
- eib_plot_plotly()

Expected value of information



evi.plot(he, graph = c("base", "ggplot2",
"plotly"), ...)

Cost-effectiveness planes with contours



contour[2](he, comparison = 1, scale =
0.5, nlevels = 4, levels = NULL, pos = c(1, 0),
xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, graph =
c("base", "ggplot2"), ...)

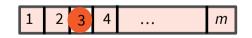
Compare optimal scenario to mixed case



plot.mixedAn(x, y.limits = NULL,
pos = c(0, 1), graph = c("base",
"ggplot2"), ...)

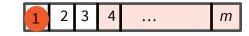
Set reference

Changing the reference group keeps all the other groups as comparison groups e.g. changing to reference group 3



Set comparisons

Changing the comparison groups keeps the reference group the same e.g. changing to comparison groups 4 to *m*



Cost-effectiveness acceptability curve



ceac_plot(he, comparison = NULL,
pos = c(1, 0), graph = c("base",
 "ggplot2", "plotly"), ...)
calls: • ceac plot base()

ceac_plot_ggplot()

ceac_plot_plotly()

Cost-effectiveness plane



ceplane_plot(he, comparison =
NULL, pos = c(1, 0), graph = c("base",
"ggplot2", "plotly"), ...)

calls: • ceplane_plot_base()

- ceplane_plot_ggplot()
- ceplane_plot_plotly()

Grid of CE plane, EIB, EVI & CEAC



plot.bcea(x, comparison = NULL, pos
= c(1, 0), graph = c("base", "ggplot2",
 "plotly"), ...)

Expected value of perfect partial information



plot.evppi(x, pos = c(0, 0.8), graph =
c("base", "ggplot2"), col = NULL, ...)

Summarise data

Summary statistics and formatted tables can be used to interrogate a **bcea**() object.

summary.bcea(he, ...)

Prints a table with summary results of the health economic evaluation

summary.mixedAn(he, ...)

Prints summary table for results of mixed analysis

sim.table(he, ...)

Summary table of simulations from the cost-effectiveness analysis

make.report(he, ...)

Constructs the automated report from the output of the BCEA